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Microsoft does not provide customers with an option. This is clearly displayed by the lack of document editors and essential office suites that do not work seamlessly with Microsoft's OS. Also, lack of customer choice is clearly displayed by the outlandish pricing that Microsoft is able to maintain for its software, compared to its competitors, who have good enough office suite products to compete with such pricing if the platform supported these alternatives. The fact remains that Microsoft prevents 3rd party software from working well with the windows operating system because of its policy of protecting this information from competition from other software vendors. Thus, 3rd party software vendors can only eek out their existence at the mercy of how Microsoft decides to change their OS and what kind of information they will reveal to their partners and competitors.

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